

House Bill 729

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to inter vivos gifts, so as to change the minimum age for the donation of  
3 blood from 17 to 16 years of age; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;  
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 1 of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to inter vivos gifts, is amended by revising Code Section 44-5-89, relating to  
9 donation of blood by persons over 17 years of age, as follows:

10 "44-5-89.

11 Any person who is a resident of this state and who is ~~17~~ 16 years of age or ~~over~~ older may  
12 donate his or her blood to any person, firm, association, organization, public or private  
13 agency, or corporation without the consent of his or her parent or parents or guardian. Any  
14 person who is not a resident of this state and who is ~~17~~ 16 years of age or ~~over~~ older may  
15 donate his or her blood to any person, firm, association, organization, public or private  
16 agency, or corporation in this state without the consent of his or her parent or parents or  
17 guardian when the laws of the state wherein such person resides permit the donation of  
18 blood at such age."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
21 without such approval.

22 **SECTION 3.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.